

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tooth coating composition containing shellac, rosin, and their solvent as the-main components, and

one or more auxiliary components selected from the group consisting of a pigment, a pigment dispersant, a dye, an efficacious component having anti-dental caries function, an anti-bacterial agent, a tackifier, a luster reflecting material, a bleaching agent, a flavoring agent, and mixtures thereof,

wherein the content of the shellac is in a range of 5 wt.% to 20 wt.% in the entire composition, the content of the rosin is in a range of 5 wt.% to 25 wt.% in the entire composition, and the total content of the shellac and the rosin is in a range of 10 wt.% to 31 wt.% in the entire composition.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 1, wherein the one or more auxiliary components includes the pigment, which is selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, natural pearl, mica titanium, iron oxide, a body extender pigment, and a synthetic coloring agent~~auxiliary components comprises a pigment, present in an amount of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.% in the entire composition.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 5, wherein the content of the pigment is in a range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.% in the entire composition~~one or more pigments are selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, natural pearl, mica titanium, iron oxide, a body extender pigment, and a synthetic coloring agent.~~

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 5~~1~~, wherein the one or more auxiliary components includes the pigment dispersant, which is

N-methacrylethyl-N,N-dimethylammonium- α -N-methylcarboxybetaine-alkyl methacrylate copolymer~~is used as the dispersant of the pigment.~~

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 58, wherein the content of the pigment dispersant ~~of the pigment~~ is in a range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.%, in the entire composition.

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 51, wherein the one or more auxiliary components includes the efficacious component having anti-caries function, which is one or more of compound selected from the group consisting of sodium fluoride, sodium monofluorophosphate, and stannous fluoride ~~are added as efficacious components having anti-caries function to the composition.~~

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 51, wherein the one or more auxiliary components includes the anti-bacterial agent, which is one or more of compounds selected from the group consisting of sodium azulesulfonate, ϵ -aminocaproic acid, allantoin, allantoin chlorohydroxyaluminum, allantoin dihydroxyaluminum, epidihydrocholesterol, dihydrocholesterol, sodium chloride, glycyrrhizic acid, diammonium glycyrrhizinate, disodium glycyrrhizinate, trisodium glycyrrhizinate, dipotassium glycyrrhizinate, monoammonium glycyrrhizinate, β -glycyrrhetic

acid, isopropylmethylphenol, cetylpyridinium chloride, decalinium chloride, benzalconium chloride, benzethonium chloride, alkylldiaminoethylglycine hydrochloride, chlorohexidine hydrochloride, triclosan, ascorbic acid, sodium ascorbate, pyridoxine hydrochloride, dl- α -tocopherol acetate, dl- α -tocopherol nicotinate, zeolite, sodium dihydrogen pyrophosphate, sodium pyrophosphate, sodium monohydrogen phosphate, trisodium phosphate, sodium polyphosphate, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, lysozyme chloride, sodium copper chlorophyllin, hinokitiol, polyoxyethylene lauryl ether, sodium lauroyl sarcosinate, plant extract, and phytoncide ~~are used as the anti-bacterial agent.~~

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 51, wherein the one or more auxiliary components includes the tackifier, which is ~~hydroxypropyl cellulose is used as the tackifier.~~

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The tooth coating composition according to claim 51, wherein the one or more auxiliary components includes the bleaching agent, which is ~~one or more of compounds selected from the group consisting of~~ hydrogen peroxide, calcium peroxide, and urea peroxide ~~are used as the bleaching agent.~~

14-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~In a~~a method of providing a coating on a tooth, said method comprising applying ~~a~~the tooth coating composition of claim 1 to the tooth to coat the tooth.

~~the improvement wherein the coating composition is in accordance with claim 1.~~